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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Dear Chairman Genachowski :


As President of the Communications Workers of America Local 6300, I am writing to add our voice in strong support of the proposed acquisition by AT&T of T-Mobile USA. We feel strongly that the proposed merger will create good paying, family supporting, jobs here at home, expand access to high-speed broadband and the technologies and applications that it enables, and increase broadband speed for businesses and consumers.

AT&T is the only major U.S. wireless company with a unionized workforce, therefore offering leading wages, benefits, training and development for employees. We are convinced this proposed merger will create additional opportunities for good jobs for more hardworking Americans.

As part of the acquisition, AT&T has committed to expanding its 4G LTE to 95% of the American population – 294 million people – including many small communities and rural areas. Additionally, low-income and minority groups, whose sole access to the Internet is sometimes derived from mobile technologies, will greatly benefit from the expanded wireless access that this merger will provide. Increasing access to mobile broadband is an important goal and this merger will have a beneficial impact on unserved and underserved communities.

It is important that the Department of Justice, the Federal Communications Commission, and the United States Congress thoroughly examines this proposal to ensure that it complies with our laws and creates the best conditions for the American people. Strengthening the nation's mobile broadband infrastructure can help foster the next wave of growth, innovation and good paying jobs.

Sincerely,


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Dear Chairman Genachowski and members of the FCC,

I write in support of AT&T's proposed acquisition of T-Mobile USA. This will be a win/win for workers, consumers and broadband proponents alike.

For nearly 40,000 current T-Mobile workers, AT&T ownership will result in better representation and rights at work. AT&T management's record of full neutrality towards Union membership will create a stronger bargaining voice and the ability to bargain over wages, benefits and employment security.


For broadband proponents and consumers in the United States, the acquisition means that T-Mobile customers will get quick access to the AT&T network. This is the quickest way to expand high-speed networks through LTE or data speeds of more than 10 megabits down stream. Both companies use the same network technology, making integration simpler for customer service representatives and technicians. Additionally, AT&T's commitment to build-out broadband in nearly every part of the U.S. within six years will be a key stimulus for economic development and help put the U.S. back on the track to international competitiveness.

The potential sale of T-Mobile to Sprint would have joined incompatible networks, forcing a technological rebuild and requiring new phones for current T-Mobile customers. Moreover, Sprint has a history of outsourcing operations, especially in customer service and tech work and shares T-Mobile USA's strong opposition to worker self-organization.

The potential benefits to broadband speed and build-out, economic development and workers rights must be central factors in your deliberations on this acquisition.

I urge you to approve the proposed acquisition.

Sincerely,


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